

On The Go

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Latino Affairs February Commission Meeting

The Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs (ICLA) announces a commission meeting on Friday, February 19th, 2010 from 2:00p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees, located at 855 E. Court Ave in the Boardroom in Des Moines. The public is welcome to attend.



The Division of Latino Affairs is legislatively mandated to promote and advocate for Iowa Latinos under Iowa Code Section 216A. 12.

The ICLA meets at sites accessible for people with mobility limitations.

If other accommodations are needed, please contact the Iowa Division of Latino Affairs at (515) 281-4080 prior to the meeting.

For more information, click [here](#).

For Your Information

House File 2071 "Iowa Opportunities Workforce Act" has passed out of the Education Subcommittee. This bill directs the board of directors of a community college and the state board of regents to adopt policies, to take effect not later than January 1, 2011, relating to an additional classification of students for purposes of determining tuition and fees that provide equal opportunity for granting resident status to certain individuals. The bill includes a short title so that it will be known and may be cited to as the "Iowa Opportunities Workforce Act".

To meet the requirements of the policy, an individual must have attended an accredited school in this state for at least five years or received a high school equivalency diploma in this state, be accepted for enrollment in a public postsecondary institution in this state, must not have been required to pay tuition to attend a public high school in this state, and must sign an affidavit, if the individual does not have a social security number, stating that the individual will pursue U.S. citizenship at the earliest possible time the individual is able to do so.

For more detailed information on the bill click [here](#) or contact your local [legislator](#).

Upcoming Events:

- [Compass Project Class](#) Feb. 4, from 4- 5:30p.m.
- [Group Parenting Classes](#) Feb. 4 & 18, 2010, 6-7p.m.
- [Census 2010 Roundtable](#) Feb. 5, 10:30a.m.— noon
- [Te Doy Mis Ojos](#) Feb. 7, 2-4p.m.
- [HOLA Legal Clinic](#) Feb. 8, @ 5:30-7:30p.m.
- [Los Ninos Bien Educados](#) Feb. 9, from 5-7p.m.
- [Diabetes Conversation Maps](#) Feb. 9, at 7p.m.
- [Cristo Rey Informational Meeting](#) Feb. 10th
- [Conversation about Cancer in Latino Community](#) Feb. 11, 11:30-12:30 p.m. at the United Way Building
- [24th Annual Iowa Culture and Language Conference](#) Feb. 9-10
- [Celebrating Ourselves: Girls Empowerment Workshop](#) Feb. 13th
- [Strengthening Families One Day Class](#) Feb. 20, 8:30a.m.— 4:30p.m.
- [Grant Writing Workshop](#) Feb. 23-24, 8a.m.- 4:30pm

Educate Yourself:

- [Frigorífico de Iowa ofrece empleos](#)
- [Census Remains a Hard Sell to Immigrants](#)
- [Report Paints Deadly Picture of Domestic Violence](#)
- [State of the Dream 2010: Drained](#)
- [Taking on Minority Unemployment](#)
- [Latinos in Higher Education](#)

Consulate Mexico in Omaha will have office open Sat. February 6th



The Consulate of Mexico in Omaha, Nebraska will open on **Saturday, February 6th, 2009** from 8:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. The purpose of this **Saturday Opening** is to benefit the Mexican community living the area of Nebraska and Iowa to obtain their Mexican Passports and Consular ID. In addition, the consular representatives will inform about their services and activities.

El Consulado de México llevará a cabo una **Jornada Sabatina** el próximo **sábado, 6 de febrero de 2010**, en la ciudad de Omaha, Nebraska desde 8:00 a.m. a las 1:00 p.m. La Jornada será en las instalaciones del Consulado de México ubicado en 3552 Dodge St., Omaha, NE 68131.

El objetivo primordial de esta Jornada es beneficiar a los migrantes mexicanos que viven en Omaha y sus alrededores para la obtención de su pasaporte mexicano y matrícula consular, así como informar acerca de los diferentes servicios y actividades que esta representación consular ofrece.

For more information / Para mas información:

(402) 595-1842 or EMAIL: info@consuladoomaha.org

Documentary Film Iowa Premiere: In the Shadow of the Raid (2009)

When the US government stormed a Kosher meat plant in the American heartland, arresting nearly 400 undocumented workers, a Guatemalan village wept. The biggest immigration raid in US history severed an economic lifeline to one of the poorest corners of the Western Hemisphere while pushing an Iowa farm town to the brink of collapse. A panel discussion with the filmmakers Greg Brosnan and Jennifer Szymaszek and Postville community leaders follows the screening. A reception will also be held.



When: Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Time: 7 - 8:30p.m.

Where: Rogalski Center Ballroom, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA 52806

Free and open to the public

For more information contact Dr. Lisa Powell at (563) 333-6045 or PowellLisaD@sau.edu.

You can see the trailer for the documentary at <http://streetdogmedia.wordpress.com/>.



Tax Preparation Information

Usted puede ser elegible para recibir reembolso de sus impuestos si cuenta con el número de identificación para declarar impuestos (ITIN)

Este servicio es completamente GRATIS!

Favor de traer una de las siguientes formas de identificación:

Para Adultos:

Pasaporte

O dos de los siguientes documentos.

Matricula Consular u otro documento oficial

Certificado de Nacimiento

Licencia de conducir

Para niños (menores de 12 años)

Pasaporte

O dos de los siguientes documentos.

Certificado de Bautismo

Certificado de Nacimiento

Matricula consular

La preparación de impuestos del 2009 y las aplicaciones para el número de ITIN se hacen al mismo tiempo.

Lugar:

United Way Building
1111 9th street
Des Moines IA 50314
515-283-0940 ext. 21

Horario:

Miércoles y sábados desde las 9am hasta las 2pm
Empezando el 27 de Enero hasta el 14 de Abril del 2010.

Si tiene preguntas por favor llame a Elia Cárdenas 515-283-0940 ext. 21

* [Iowa Department of Revenue E-Filing Poster](#) (English)

* [Free Tax Preparation Sites](#) (English Flyer)

* [Iowa Department of Revenue E-Filing Poster](#) (Spanish)

* [Free Tax Preparation Sites](#) (Spanish Flyer)

HOLA Center and their services

HOLA Center mission statement is to provide a trusted, accessible center for confidential, bilingual assessment and referral to social and legal services, education and outreach to all Latinos. We currently have 9 active partners who offer services from our offices located at 618 E. 18 St in Des Moines.

Some of our partners include the Polk County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project, City of Des Moines Police Department, Polk County Attorney's Office, The Fifth Judicial District Department of Corrections, Polk County Crisis and Advocacy Services, Visiting Nurse Services, Employee & Family Resources, and LUNA.



We also host the Latino service providers meeting every 4th Thursday of the month from 1 - 2:30p.m., and on February 8 we will host our monthly free legal clinic from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. The HOLA Center will be hosting a service providers fair the 3rd Thursday of each month from 5:30—7:30 pm at St. Peter Hall, to help organizations that want to reach out to the Latino Community. For more info, click [here](#).

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321 E 12th Street
Des Moines, IA 50319

Iowa Division of Latino Affairs: On the Go newsletter is sent monthly with up-to-date information on the agency, activities and upcoming events to keep our constituents informed. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

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Computer Classes Offered

- New Iowan Center in Des Moines (Free Classes in Spanish) Each class will last 2 days and a new class will start every week. On Wednesdays we will teach the basics for getting on the internet, searching for jobs, and opening an email account. On Thursdays we will use Word to create a resume.
- Catholic Charities Program for the Latino Community Classes will begin March 2nd and 4th at DMACC Success Center. Any interested for the Hispanic Computer class can follow up with Mireya at (515) 237-5047.



El Salvador Missionary

Des Moines area United Methodist churches are sending an Iowa Volunteers In Mission medical mission team to El Salvador March 12-21. If you would like to be part of this medical mission team please contact Rev. Barb Dinnen at (515) 490-1234 or barbdinnen@msn.com. For more information, click [here](#).

New Location for Outreach Project

On February 1, 2010, The Outreach Project moved from 979 Oakridge Drive to 1200 University, Suite 120, Des Moines, IA. This relocation allows Primary Health Care (PHC) to complete a much needed expansion for our Medical Clinic, Advocacy and Family Services programs. In addition, our Community Access Pharmacy has moved to the same building under a new name—Primary Health Care Pharmacy—1200 University, Suite 105, Des Moines, IA.

Scholarships / Internships

- Summer Health Research Internships for students from disadvantaged backgrounds urged to apply to paid 10-wk program in health research at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. Application Deadline: Feb. 16
- Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation is looking for bright, talented, college students seeking a paid summer internship that offers experience maintaining and restoring natural landscapes all across Iowa! Deadline: Feb. 19
- Iowa Youth Leadership Forum (YLF), a free 6-day summer transition program for high school students with disabilities designed to enhance their transition towards their employment goals or as they move on to college. Application Deadline: February 26, 2010
- KaiserEDU.org announces its Fourth Annual Student Essay Contest. Submit an original essay on the topic for a chance to win \$1,000. Deadline: March 8, 2010
- Florence Warnock Scholarship, for students graduating from a Black Hawk County High School in 2010 are eligible to apply. Application Deadline: March 15, 2010
- Money Smart Kid Iowa Essay, a student of 6th - 8th grade will be named this year's Money Smart Kid, and receives a \$1,000 College Savings Iowa account, funded jointly by the Iowa Bankers Association and the Iowa Credit Union League. Application Deadline: April 1, 2010
- Helping Students Navigate the Path to College: What High Schools Can Do (IES Practice Guide)

Resources

- The Iowa Initiative
- Eyes Open Iowa
- Think Beyond the Label

Grant Opportunities

- Public Welfare Foundation